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The Chapter 6 web sites says in part:

2 The State should provide regions with incentives and assistance to help them to plan and implement diversified water portfolios including: system reoperation, urban and agricultural water use efficiency, municipal water recycling, conjunctive management and groundwater storage,

I hope this is an appropriate time to ask that development of housing and paved areas be prohibited over promising water recharge areas. I know of one such area near the Kern Water Bank where suburban sprawl recently precluded ground water storage. The area is Section 36, Township 29 South, Range 26 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian. It's approximate boundaries are: N Brimhall Road, S Stockdale Highway, W Allen Road, E Jewetta Avenue. Pumping water out of this area probably requires less energy, and thus fewer emissions of GWG and air pollutants, than pumping in other areas.

Bulletin 160-93, recognizes the need to protect valuable recharge land, but groundwater management in California is generally a local responsibility. Local decision-makers could reasonably decide that an area needed by the state for water recharge would better serve their local constituents if it were developed. Bulletin 160-03 should recommend state legislation that forbids local decision-makers from developing areas until it is known if they are needed for recharge.

There are many areas of groundwater overdraft in the Valley; all these areas could be used for recharge. Few of these areas are as promising as section 36. If other areas almost as good as section 36 are found, they deserve state protection.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,

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